

BRAC and DoD Activities Update

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Agenda

- Oceana Commonwealth and Virginia Beach fight encroachment
- Fort Monroe Army departure and Land Reversion to Commonwealth
- Other 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) activities
- **❖** Joint Forces Command (JFCOM)



Virginia's Military Presence

- The Commonwealth is home to 327,000 active-duty military members and family members
- ❖ 2nd largest active-duty military population in the nation
- *823,000 veterans call Virginia home
- The 7th greatest number of veterans in the country and we're continuing to grow
- 27 military installations and 7 Coast Guard commands in the Commonwealth
- ❖ Almost 20% of Working Virginians are DoD Related
- ❖ DoD Contributes 15% to Virginia's Gross State Product



DoD Activities Since 2005

Encroachment at Oceana Outlying Landing Field (OLF) 2005 BRAC Impacts on Virginia ☐ Affected 21 military installations ☐ Closed Fort Monroe land reverts to the Commonwealth Affected significant leased space in City of Alexandria, Counties of Arlington and Fairfax ■ Net gain in employment in Virginia ☐ More than \$6 billion in military construction (MILCON) ☐ Actions must be completed by September 15, 2011 Joint Forces Command (JFCOM) ☐ Saved 50 % of the Command ☐ 1,900 Contractors lost jobs ☐ 400,000 square feet of Office Space Vacated ■ Impacted Entire Hampton Roads Area



Fort Monroe - Overview

- ❖ Fort Monroe Authority (FMA) created by statue and charged with reuse planning and management of Fort Monroe
- Under Federal Base Closure Law, the military mission at Fort Monroe ended on September 15, 2011
- Land reverts to the Commonwealth 565 acres
- Three property and land use documents control how development is controlled:
 - ☐ Reuse Plan
 - ☐ Programmatic Agreement
 - ☐ Design Standards
- Establishment of a National Park



Fort Monroe Economic Development Conveyance (EDC)

- There are 3 parcels (193 acres) within the Fort Monroe footprint which are in dispute as to reversion
- Reversionary Property reverts to the Commonwealth as a matter of law, and at no cost.
- Commonwealth of Virginia and Army agreed to negotiate an EDC for disputed parcels as opposed to costly litigation
- * EDC shares proceeds vs. appraising land value
- The Commonwealth and the Army must agree to terms of the EDC



Other 2005 BRAC

- > 17,000 employees vacating commercial building in Crystal City
- ✓ Fort Lee growing by more than 7,000
- ✓ Rivanna Station gained 1,000 high salaried employees
- ✓ New hospital built at Fort Belvoir
- Created a need for more than \$722 million in road improvements
- ✓ Completed about \$400 million in road projects supporting BRAC areas
- DoD selection of Mark Center creates traffic nightmare
 - ✓ DoD funding \$20 million for short range improvement
 - ✓ CTB approved \$80 million for new ramp



JFCOM

- Not done as a BRAC action but as Department of Defense (DoD) Efficiencies
- DoD announced closing Virginia able to get it reduced to just 50 %
- 1,900 contract employees will be losing their positions in the Hampton Roads Region
- Commonwealth received an initial DoD grant of \$525K
- City of Suffolk has opened the Virginia Regional Center for USJFCOM Workforce Transition and Business Development



DoD Grants

- Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) provides DoD Grants to support states and localities impacted by DoD actions
- OEA has provide \$19 million since 2007
- Grants require 10% non-federal match state grants have used in-kind payments not direct General Fund dollars



Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Support Activities

- Chair Fort Monroe Authority Board and Virginia Military Advisory Council
- Worked with Albemarle County and Fort Belvoir on finance issue
- Worked with Office of Drinking Water and Fort Lee on water issue at Explosive Ordinance School
- Worked with Bowling Green and Fort AP Hill to attract a new hotel
- Will be working with Fort Belvoir for funding Fisher House
- Inform legislators on DoD importance to Commonwealth economy

